Income Tax payment by cricket players

3012. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the individual income of our National cricket players which have been paid by them during the last three financial years;

(b) what is the total tax on the income of these players individually during the last three years;

(c) whether the tax has been fully paid by them so far;

(d) whether there is any outstanding against any of them; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to recover dues from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Information in respect of Income tax payment by National cricket players is not centrally maintained. To furnish the details would require compilation of data at all the field formations spread throughout the country, and the time and efforts required would not be commensurate with the objective sought to be achieved.

(b) to (d) No reply can be given in view of reply to part (a).

(e) Apart from the statutory steps being taken for recovery of outstanding tax dues as prescribed under the Income Tax Act (including attachment of bank account, debtors etc., attachment and sale of immovable property etc.) the following special measures are also being taken to expedite recovery of direct tax arrears:

(i) Monitoring of recovery of arrears in large cases by a Task Force.

(ii) Identification of cases involving substantial amount of arrears pending before Commissioners (Appeals) and ITAT and requesting these authorities to dispose off such appeals early so that the demand can be collected during the current financial year itself.

(iii) Requesting the President of ITAT not to allow stay of demand beyond 180 days as prescribed in section 254(2A) of the Income-tax Act.

(iv) Requesting Settlement Commission to dispose off high demand cases expeditiously.

Surcharge on income tax

3013. SHRI VIYAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected by the Central Government by way of surcharge on income tax on account of Gujarat earthquake during the years 2000-01 and 2001-02;

(b) the amount disbursed to the State Government of Gujarat till date;

(c) the remaining amount yet to be disbursed to them and by when the same is proposed to be given to that State; and

(d) the reasons, if any, for delays in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) During 2000-01, an amount of Rs. 2187.82 crore was collected